

## THE CAMBODIA UN-REDD PROGRAMME

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### Meeting Minute with CSOs

Venue: UNDP Office, Building 2

Date: 08 January 2013

Time: 03:00-05:00 PM

#### I. Participants:

1. Mr. Lun Kimhy, Programme Coordinator of UN-REDD
2. Ms. Thy Heang, Communication Officer of UN-REDD
3. Ms. Teng Rithiny, Programme Coordinator REDD+ of NGO Forum
4. Mr. Chhoeng Soviriya, Programme Officer of NTFP-EP
5. Mr. Rith Bun Roeun, Executive Director of AFD
6. Mr. Chhith Sam Ath, Executive Director of NGO Forum
7. Mr. Yeang Donal, National REDD+ Policy Advisor of FFI

#### II. Objective:

- To clarify the review process of CSO & IP representatives for PEB
- To share information on the process to select consultation group
- To Improve understanding and strengthen collaboration between secretariat and NGOs/IOs, who are interested in REDD+

#### III. Discussion and Agreement

The discussion started with introduction of the participants and moved to brief background and process of previous CS & IP selection process and consultation group selection process before going to discuss further and to clarify the misunderstanding and open for questions and comments.

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** Updated and shared information on the consultation process and CSO & IP reselection process and opened for questions.

**Mr. Chhith Sam Ath:** What Secretariat plan to do for reselection process of CS & IP representatives for PEB? He also informed secretariat about the CSOs REDD+ network which facilitate by NGO Forum to talk in a unify voice of the REDD+ and to contribute for effective development. The CSOs REDD+ composes of around 20 NGOs/CSOs including local and international NGOs/CSOs for updating, sharing information and supporting coordination between CSOs and government on REDD+ development and implementation.**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** According to the concept note, the CS & IP representatives will be selected for an initial period of 6 months. Initial workshop in February suggested reviewing the process by working with existing NGOs/IOs networking but the national workshop in September defined a new process that was considered a more opened participation and selection process.

IP representative reviewing process has been suggested selecting 15 representatives from the 15 IP provinces and 3 representatives will be selected, 1 to replace the interim representative in PEB and 2 for consultation group. This process was initiated in 2 provinces, Kampong Thom and Siem Reap. In response to PEB's comment to involve NGOs and IP, Mr. Nok Ven was invited to join in reviewing

process in Battambang and Pursat provinces but next process Mr. Nok Ven or his alternate will be the focal person to support the whole selection process and prior inform provincial IP network about the selection. In order to improve understanding and participation pre-selection meeting will be held in each province.

CSO PEB representative reviewing process will be considered to do together with the selection process of consultation group. However, the decision is to be decided by the volunteers of facilitation committee of consultation group.

**Mr. Chhith Sam Ath:** He suggested secretariat sharing TOR of the facilitation committee who facilitates the selection process of consultation group.

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** The volunteer committee has mandated in facilitating process to select consultation group. In principal, the committee will be authorized to own their TOR and even process to select the consultation group. Therefore, the TOR and the process will be decided by the committee and the secretariat will just assist the volunteer committee in supporting their management and arrangement. The volunteer committee will be significant assistance to facilitate the selection process not driven.

**Mr. Chhoeng Soviriya and Mr. Chhith Sam Ath:** In case of new CSO & IP representatives are not yet selected, will the exiting representatives be effective?

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** Yes they will be effective until the new CSO & IP representatives are selected to replace them and the 3<sup>rd</sup> PEB meeting has agreed on that.

**Mr. Chhith Sam Ath:** He suggested secretariat should let NGOs to choose representatives by themselves. By doing so, it shows the ownership and they can nominate somebody to represent their voices. At the meantime, he suggested keeping the volunteer committee as advisory team to the consultation group though after the committee finishes their mandate. Ideally, it is to support and advice because they are the people who facilitate the members of consultation group selection.

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** He agreed that the idea is good but he suggested following the decision made from the national workshop in September and asked everyone to support the new decided process.

**Ms. Teng Rithiny:** She concerns of how can we ensure the information flow and make sure that the messages or ideas representing the voices of the NGOs or IP, etc? Because some selected representatives or members may just represent their individual or own institution, so how can they gather information from networks or other organizations or stakeholders?

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** The secretariat strongly believes in the volunteer committee to facilitate the consultation group selection process and to work with qualified and high knowledge and experiences. The above mentioned matter will be in control if NGOs/IOs facilitate and support to send the right people as candidates in the selection process/election. The secretariat will not appoint or select the volunteering committee members but the volunteers from NTFP-EP and Pact (Femy and Delux) will review and make decision on how to select. He encouraged everyone to be positive, supportive and trust in people around.

**Mr. Chhith Sam Ath:** When will new representatives be selected since he is busy in many tasks within his organization?

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** The secretariat planned to finish this work within 3 months; however, it is unpredictable since the process relies mainly on our support and the volunteering committee. The committee will decide what strategies and how they will work to do the process. According to the approved TOR, the PEB member was authorized to send/assign her/his alternate if s/he is busy. Hence, Mr. Tomas Enter sent Mr. Timothy Boyle as his alternate to participate the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> PEB meeting.

**Ms. Teng Rithiny:** the secretariat should allow the interim CS&IP representatives to work with NGOs/IOs to review process and the secretariat would just only follow up with the process afterward.

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** He reminded that this idea was based on the initial workshop in February but he suggested again respecting the new review process because during September's workshop all key participants from NGOs/IOs already agreed on new process, which they considered that the process was more open, participatory and acceptable.

Ms. Teng Rithiny: it has been agreed but the new process should give ownership to NGOs/IOs themselves in facilitation rather than secretariat facilitates.

**Mr. Rith BunRoeun:** Why was it required submitting at least two peer-endorsement letters?

**Ms. Thy Heang:** the idea was from the volunteer, NTFP-EP (Femy). The two peer-endorsement letters would show that s/he would not be individual representative but s/he was working for the interest of organizations. However, two peer-endorsement letters would not be able to apply with representatives from private sector.

Mr. Chhith Sam Ath: The secretariat should prioritize and focus more on the implementation of REDD+ as now it run behind the schedule. The secretariat should just let each institution know about the representation and let them organize and select by their own.

**Mr. Chhoeng Soviriya:** inform about CSOs REDD+ network and other networks.

**Mr. Lun Kimhy:** REDD+ is not being implemented in Cambodia or anywhere else yet. The role of the Secretariat should be to facilitate REDD+ readiness in Cambodia, and effective stakeholder consultation is a critical part of this process. The secretariat had defined that NGOs/IOs network was a good platform for sharing information and consultation process on REDD+. He would like NGOs network meeting to inform and invite him to participate in meeting, so he could share and clarify or receive feedback or comment on issues and progress of UN-REDD programme to improve communication and understanding.

Lun Kimhy: Requested IEC materials for disseminate during conducting IPs selection process at the fields, It would be hopefull to send messages about REDD+ concept to local community and stakeholder.

The meeting ended at 5:00 pm on 08 January 2013

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